

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DIVISION ____

(_____)

vs.

Docket No. _____

(_____)

INDIGENT ____ YES ____ NO

ORDER APPOINTING FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Based upon the Court's determination that **[the defendant or plaintiff or witness or victim]** in this case has a limited ability to understand and/or communicate in English, the Court finds that it is necessary to appoint a foreign language interpreter pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 42. The court is aware that pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. Rule 42§3(f) it is required to appoint a certified court interpreter if one is reasonably available. If a court appoints a registered or non-credentialed interpreter, the court shall summarize the efforts made to obtain a certified or registered interpreter and the efforts made to determine the capabilities of the non-credentialed interpreter.

Check all that are applicable:

- ☐ The court has appointed a certified interpreter in this matter.
- ☐ The court has appointed a registered interpreter in this matter. The following efforts were made to appoint a certified interpreter: _____
- ☐ The court has appointed a non-credentialed interpreter in this matter. The following efforts were made to appoint a certified or registered interpreter: _____ and the court determined that the non-credentialed interpreter was qualified to interpret in this case by completing a voir dire of the interpreter and has determined that the interpreter:
 - ☐ Is not related to the defendant, counsel, witnesses, or any party to this case.
 - ☐ Is impartial.
 - ☐ Can speak both English and the target language.
 - ☐ Can read and write both English and the target languages.
 - ☐ Has completed the following training to qualify as in interpreter: _____
 - ☐ Has been qualified as an interpreter by another court.
 - ☐ Has experience in simultaneous interpreting.
 - ☐ Has experience in consecutive interpreting.
 - ☐ Understands that as an interpreter he/she must interpret everything, and may not summarize the testimony.
 - ☐ Has had an opportunity to speak with the defendant(s) or witness (es).

**Therefore, the court hereby appoints _____ who is
a ☐ certified ☐ registered ☐ non-credentialed court interpreter pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 42.**

The interpreter will be compensated at the rate of:

- ☐ \$50 per hour as a certified interpreter – total fee may not exceed \$500.
- ☐ \$40 per hour as a registered interpreter – total fee may not exceed \$400.
- ☐ \$25 per hour as a non-credentialed interpreter – total fee may not exceed \$250.
- ☐ \$_____ per hour as an interpreter for a language other than Spanish. The total fee may not exceed \$_____.

The court finds that the maximum rates as listed in Supreme Court Rule 42 are inadequate to secure the services of a qualified interpreter in the following language other than Spanish, ____are reasonable rate based on the following findings:

The interpreter must submit an invoice for compensation to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

ENTERED this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge